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**Subject:** Information on a Large Natural Gas Release in Bradford County

Good morning Jessica,

I am sorry I missed your call yesterday. I was calling to see if you had any information or insight into an alleged venting of a large amount of natural gas./methane in the Gainesville area that reached as far as Jacksonville. It occurred in the May 2-3, 2020, timeframe. I am providing some links to the concern that has been reported to us. From what we have found, the company in question is the Florida Gas Transmission Pipeline and it appears that, around that time, the company performed non-routine maintenance at its Brooker facility to repair a combustion turbine. It is believed that the release occurred during the turbine repair.

<https://www.bloombergquint.com/business/no-one-is-owning-up-to-releasing-cloud-of-methane-in-florida>

<https://energynow.com/2020/08/florida-offers-pipeline-clue-in-mystery-of-giant-methane-leak/>

From your message, it sounds like you are expecting another busy day. We really were reaching out for any additional information you may have to confirm the above information and any additional insight you can provide on what happened. Some questions that have come up are as follows:

1. Where did the venting occurred (compressor station or upstream pipeline)?
2. Is there supposed to be an agreement between the compression station and the pipeline to coordinate the shutdown of the pipeline for repairs?
3. Did they report a release during this time to the FDEP?
4. Anything else that may be helpful in understand why the release occurred.

I hope that you have a smooth morning and I want to thank you for any assistance you can provide. I can be reached at (404) 434-6772 or by this email.

Thanks again,  
Kevin

*Sincerely,*

*Kevin P. Taylor*

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